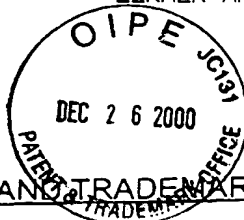


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Title : Method and Apparatus for Transferring an Article Between Fluid-Filled Vessels

Declaration Under Section 152 Of The Atomic Energy Act Of 1954

1. I, MANFRED MEINTKER a citizen of THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY residing at MOEHRENDORF, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY declare:

2. That I made and conceived the invention described and claimed in patent application Serial Number 09/665,452 filed in the United States of America on September 19, 2000 entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSFERRING AN ARTICLE BETWEEN FLUID-FILLED VESSELS.

That I made and conceived this invention while employed by SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT. That the invention is related to the work I am employed to perform and was made within the scope of my employment duties;

That the invention was made during working hours and with the use of facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information, and services of SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT.

3. That to the best of my knowledge and belief:

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